

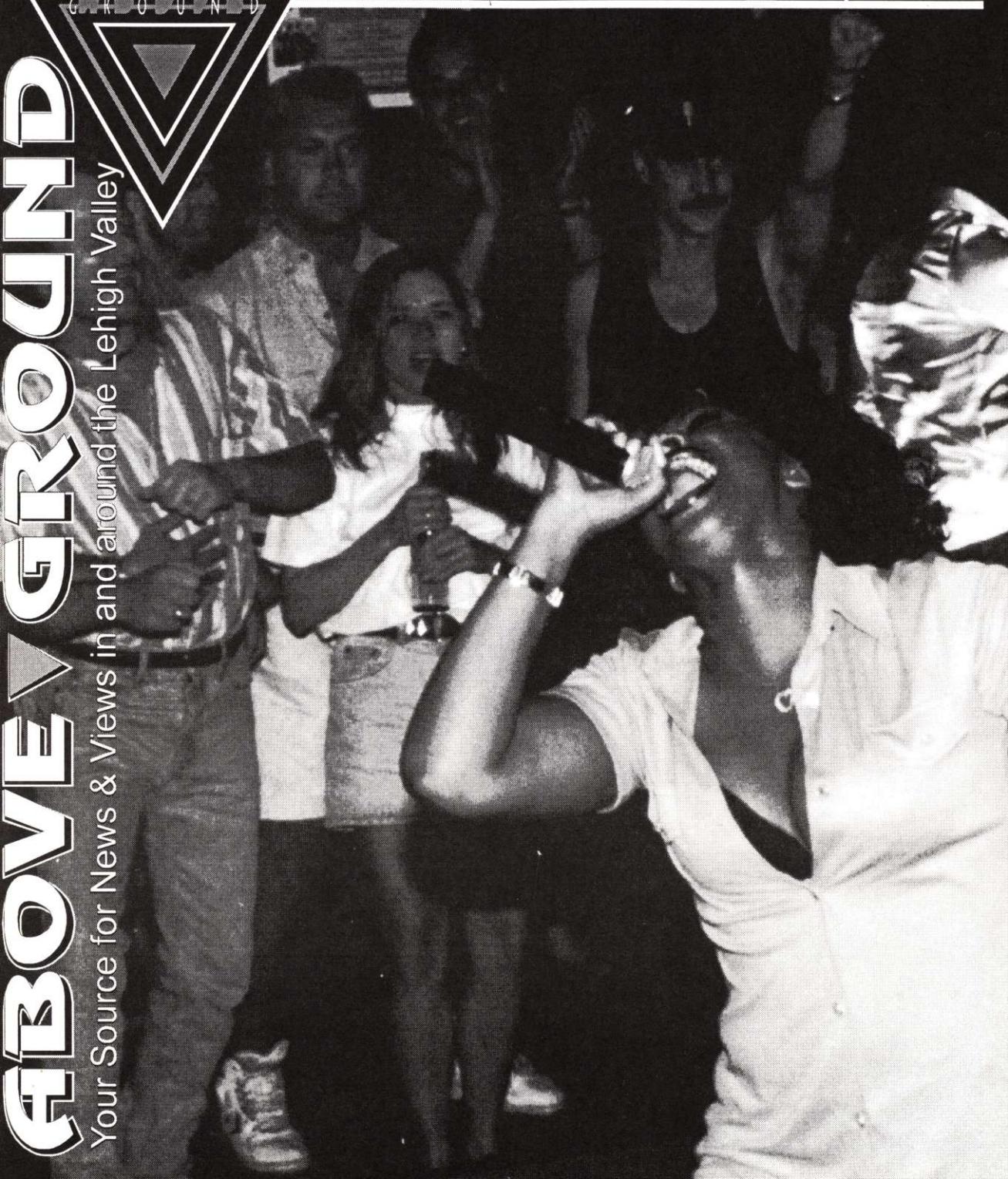
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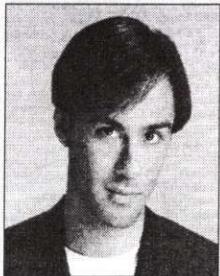
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Michael Ferreri

In the Moose Lounge
Saturday, July 6 & 20

Summer SIZZLES at the Wall!

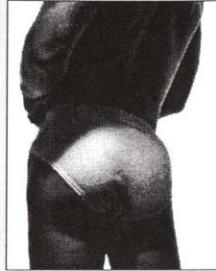
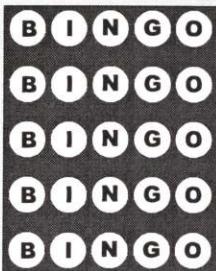


Elaine Paxson

w/ Christian Daizey
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Editor Speaks!

Within this issue we welcome a new columnist to our pages. David Bianco, M. A., teaches gay and lesbian history and politics at the Institute of Gay and Lesbian Education in West Hollywood.

In his syndicated column, PAST OUT, he discusses various aspects of gay and lesbian history. You can find PAST OUT on page 14 of this issue.

We welcome David to our family!!

On The Cover:

Livin' Joy performs for a packed house at Stonewall's 19th Anniversary Celebration. Persons attending the party noted that the performance was one of the most energetic and crowd pleasing that they had seen.

The Stonewall also offered up a complimentary hot/cold buffet and a champagne fountain to partygoers.

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④ A Look Back



1 & 2: The gang from Diamonx in Bethlehem participate in the Philly Gay Pride Parade winning the first prize in the "Visiting Group" division.



3. Tom Mulderick, PRIDE of the Lehigh Valley's Vice President, Talks with City Councilman Frank Concannon before the 3rd annual Pride Festival.



4. Dem. Candidate Dan McCarthy voices his position on gay & lesbian issues to Steve Black, Vice Chair of the League of Gay and Lesbian Voters at the Pride Festival held on Sunday, June 23 at Cedar Beach park.

5& 6: The Enigma Players Perform in a benefit show for PRIDE of the Lehigh Valley following the festival on Sun. June 23. The show, titled "Even Straighter," kept the crowd begging for more.



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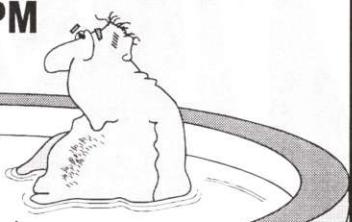
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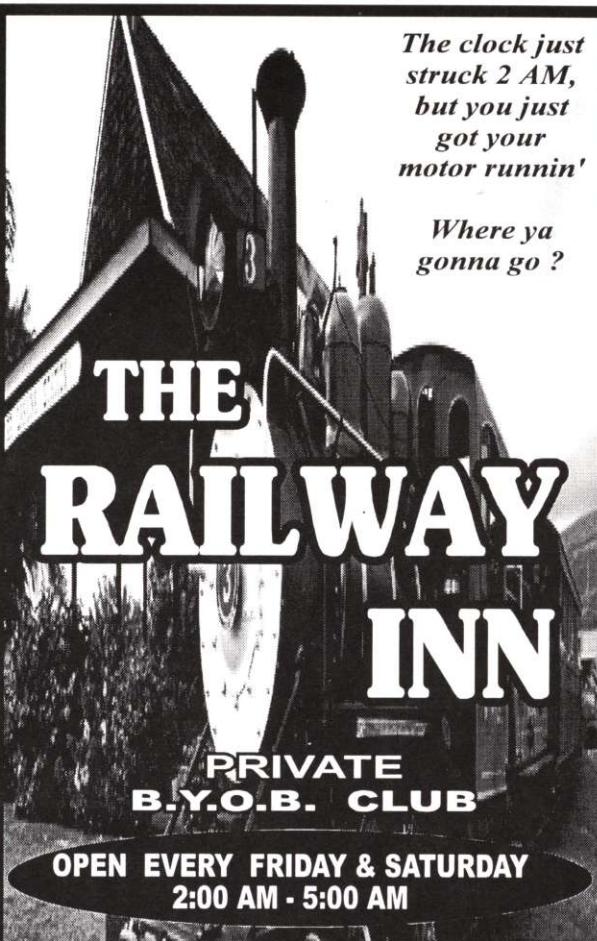


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DATE	TYPE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
JULY 3	MEET	MEETING, PRIDE OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY	7PM	Grace Cov. Fellowship, Allentown
3 P/D	PRE-4TH PARTY featuring TINSEL GARLAND	CALL		STONEWALL, Allentown
3 L	NINA PETERSON	CALL		RAINBOW MT., E.Stroudsburg
3 P	1st Annual RED, WHITE & BLUE PARTY	9PM		CARTWHEEL, New Hope
4 SP	VOLLEYBALL	2PM		DIAMONZ, Bethlehem
4 P	4TH OF JULY TEA DANCE & BBQ	3PM		CARTWHEEL, New Hope
5 D	TINSEL GARLAND	CALL		RAINBOW MT., E.Stroudsburg
6 L	DON HORTON	9PM		DIAMONZ, Bethlehem
6 L	MICHAEL FERRERI	9:30-1:30		STONEWALL, Allentown
7 P	LENORA'S BIRTHDAY PARTY	5PM		DIAMONZ, Bethlehem
7 ST	THE DREAM TEAM MALE REVIEW	11:30PM		STONEWALL, Allentown
10 D	TINSEL GARLAND	12AM		STONEWALL, Allentown
11 ***	KARAOKE FINALS	9PM		DIAMONZ, Bethlehem
12 L	LAURIE RICCABONO	CALL		RAINBOW MT., E.Stroudsburg
13 L	RED LETTER DAY	9PM		DIAMONZ, Bethlehem
14 SP	VOLLEYBALL	2PM		DIAMONZ, Bethlehem
14 P	SANDI'S JAM & BARBECUE	1-6PM		CARTWHEEL, New Hope
14 L	KATE & CJ	CALL		RAINBOW MT., E.Stroudsburg
17 D	MAXI CARTER	12AM		STONEWALL, Allentown
18 F	BINGO for FACT's Family Support Services	8-11PM		STONEWALL, Allentown
19 L	ELAINE PAXSON with Christian Daizey	10PM-2AM		STONEWALL, Allentown
19 P	THE ANNUAL WHITE/UNDERWEAR PARTY	10PM		STONEWALL, Allentown
20 P/L	Christmas in July Party featuring Lynn Thomas	CALL		RAINBOW MT., E.Stroudsburg
20 ***	Berks Gay & Lesbian Pride Celebration	1-9:30PM		Blue Falls Grove, Leesport PA
20 L	DAMZELS	9PM		DIAMONZ, Bethlehem
20 L	MICHAEL FERRERI	9:30-1:30		STONEWALL, Allentown
21 SP	VOLLEYBALL	2PM		DIAMONZ, Bethlehem
24 D	TINSEL GARLAND	12AM		STONEWALL, Allentown
25 ST	CHASE HUNTER video & print porn star	11:30PM		STONEWALL, Allentown
27 L	MICHAEL MASSINO	9PM		DIAMONZ, Bethlehem
28 SP	VOLLEYBALL	2PM		DIAMONZ, Bethlehem
28 L	NINA PETERSON	CALL		RAINBOW MT., E.Stroudsburg
31 D	"VA VA VOOM" featuring Corrine Michaels	11:30PM		STONEWALL, Allentown

P-PARTY L-LIVE VOCAL ST-STRIP SHOW D-DRAG SHOW F-FUNDRAISER SP-SPORT EVENT

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SUNDAY

- KARAOKE / DIAMONZ / 9PM-2AM
- KARAOKE / STONEWALL / 10PM-2AM
- ELAINE PAXSON / CARTWHEEL
- TEA DANCE / CARTWHEEL / 11:30AM

MONDAY

- ALL AGE NIGHT / STONEWALL / 10PM-2AM
- DRAG SEARCH w/ Monica Rey / CARTWHEEL
- New Release Video Night / SELECTIONS

TUESDAY

- KARAOKE / DIAMONZ / 9PM
- KARAOKE / SCARAB / 10pm-2am
- KARAOKE / SELECTIONS

WEDNESDAY

- COUPON NIGHT / SCARAB
- MOVIE NIGHT / DIAMONZ
- POOL LEAGUE / CANDIDA 8PM
- FlashBack 80's Video / SELECTIONS
- MALE STRIPPERS / CARTWHEEL

THURSDAY

- KARAOKE / DIAMONZ / 9PM-2AM
- KARAOKE / SCARAB / 10PM-2AM
- KARAOKE / CANDIDA / 10PM-2AM
- COUNTRY 2-STEP / Cartwheel / 9pm
- Backgammon & Game Night / B-TLS
- COUNTRY WESTERN / SELECTIONS

FRIDAY

- Country-Western/Diamonz/7:30-10:30PM
- DJ Request Night/Diamonz/10:30-2:00
- MICHAEL FERRERI/CARTWHEEL

SATURDAY

- ELAINE PAXSON / CARTWHEEL
- POOL & PATIO PARTY/SCARAB/4-8

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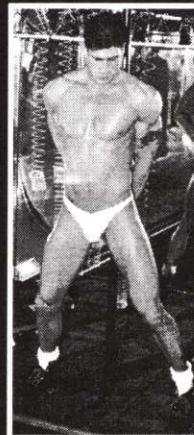
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Food as a Metaphor

Food ... most of us love it to death. but do we love it to life? In a society which is violent to people (I'll knock your teeth out ... slit your throat ... kick the --- out of you ... beat you up ... rape you ... slap you silly ... kick your --- ... shut you up ...) how can it not be violent to food? Think of the ways we perform violence on our foods in order to prepare it to nourish us. Is violence nourishing us? Have we so violated our food that it can not nourish us? Is that why we have trouble digesting food, have heartburn, indigestion, colon problems? Are we asking our bodies to "break down" foods that have already been so abused that they're barely alive?

Is that why we can't look at our food and appreciate its beauty before "wolfing" it down? Is that why we can't take time to savor our food? Is that why at only certain times (holidays, celebrations) we really focus on preparing food to "look good enough to eat?" Is that why we enjoy going out to places like the Monterey Cafe and similar places to do "fine dining?"

Think of the words we use regarding food: ground meat, Crushed red pepper, Boiled potatoes (does it have an "E" Dan Quayle?), Stewed tomatoes, "nuked," Fried eggplant, Shredded cabbage, Chemically ripened, Whipped butter, Seared beef, Strained carrots, Color Enhanced.

What does this say about the food that keeps us alive? Would we want to be Ground, Crushed, Stewed, Boiled, Whipped, Chemically ripened, etc., etc., etc.? Is this what we do to ourselves to get ready for our partners or to get ready to spend time with our friends? Would this kind of preparation nourish us or them?

Food is a natural part of our daily living. I'm not suggesting that we not prepare food before we eat it, I'm asking that we take a look at the words we use to describe the food that is to nourish us. Food is not simply a physical dimension in our daily living, it wants to nourish us emotionally ... and spiritually as well. If we've lost that connection, we've lost a significant element. Food's purpose is to nourish us physically, mentally and spiritually. Food is life-affirming; therefore our words regarding food should be positive. Our attitude towards food needs to reflect the sanctity of food.

Notes on the Movement

by Steve Black

Hate Crimes Bill:

On Wednesday, June 5, 1996 the Pennsylvania State Senate recommitted the Hate Crimes Bill to the Judiciary Committee. The Hate Crimes Bill would have amended the PA Ethnic Intimidation Act to include sexual orientation and increase sentences for criminals who commit bias crimes against gay men and lesbians simply because of their sexual orientation. The bill was scheduled for a Senate floor vote on Tuesday, June 4, but the Senate "passed over the

bill" and decided to return it to committee the next day. The League of Gay and Lesbian Voters was told by a Republican Senator that a majority of the Republican Senate Caucus "had serious reservations about voting on the bill in an election year." Sen. Joseph Loeper, the Majority Leader deferred to the caucus and pulled the bill from consideration by the full Senate.

LGLV was disappointed with the Senate's action, especially since several senators reported that they received no negative mail on the bill. LGLV believed that a majority of the full Senate would have voted in favor of the bill; however, LGLV never believed that a majority of Republicans supported the bill. LGLV will continue lobbying for the bill with the hopes of passing the bill after the November Election or in early January.

Anti Gay Marriage Bills:

The gay and lesbian community dodged several bullets fired in the war over same sex marriages. Two anti same sex marriage bills have been introduced in the Pennsylvania State Legislature, one in the PA House and the other in the PA Senate. Both bill are currently in the House and Senate Judiciary Committee. Gay and lesbian activists were surprised when the Senate anti-gay marriage bill appeared on the Senate Judiciary Committee agenda for Tuesday, June 4. LGLV and gay organizations across the state began bombarding the Judiciary Committee Chairman Stewart Greenleaf with faxes and calls urging him to pull the bill from the agenda. The effort succeeded when the Judiciary Committee failed to have a quorum present for the meeting and Sen. Greenleaf pulled the bill from the agenda.

State Sen. Vincent Fumo, a Philadelphia Democrat whose district includes the gay neighborhoods of Philadelphia, announced that he opposed the bill and formulated several strategies to block the bill if Republicans attempted to move the bill again. One strategy is a threat to amend the bill to include a repeal of the no-fault divorce law in Pennsylvania. This would have the effect of causing moderate senators to oppose the bill, because the no fault divorce law is popular in the state.

LGLV has received confirmation that the House anti gay marriage bill will not move out of the House Judiciary Committee. This has caused Rep. Alan Egoff, the prime sponsor of the Bill, to seek alternative means to have the issue voted on by the full house. On Tuesday, June 18 he announced that he would amend another family law bill to include the anti gay marriage language. His effort failed when his amendment was ruled "out of order" for technical reasons. Egoff announced that he would continue his attempts to place the anti gay marriage language through the amendment process.

The state legislature will adjourn for the summer at the end of June. Gay and lesbian leaders hope that no bill or amendment passes either house. Gay and lesbian organization will then spend the summer preparing to battle the bills more vigorously when the legislature returns for a heated pre-election fall session.



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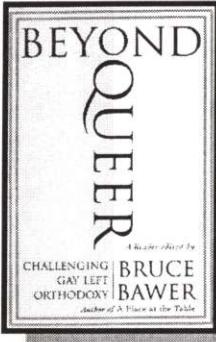
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by William Benson



BOOK REVIEW: Beyond Queer: Challenging Gay Left Orthodoxy, edited by Bruce Bower. New York: The Free Press, 1996. 325 pages, \$25.00

This book is a collection of essays by politically conservative gay activists and intellectuals. Their common take-off is that the liberal and/or radical stance as expressed in the landmark Stonewall Riot in 1969 or the contemporary street theatre of ACT UP! is now dated, inappropriate, and unrealistic as a constructive political methodology for social change. Because this is an anthology, there is no single viewpoint, no dogma. There is also little concrete prescription for positive, corrective action.

The book is arranged in six sections, including the tradition of liberal politics and gays, the emergence of gay conservatives, and cul-

ture and identity. The best sections are "Gayness and God" (if you still think you're going to hell because you're gay, this is good, corrective information); and "Family Values" (exploring how this is our best defense against homophobes in the right-wing so-called religious fundamentalist movement). If there is any common thread that runs through the thinking of the various contributors, it is this: Political action and finding acceptance in mainstream America is not only found in elections and legislation. It begins with responsible, adult behavior, rather than hedonistic, adolescent behavior.

The main problem of this book is the lack of definitions by many of the authors. Two notable exceptions are David Link and Jonathan Rauch. Link notes that for heterosexuals, their sexual orientation is not confused with sexual activity; while when heteros (and most homos) think about "homosexuality," they too often confuse sexual orientation and sexual activity to become mistaken synonyms. Yes, this is an important distinction. Rauch also echoes this, when he writes: "Homosexuality is not about what you do in bed, it is about who you fall in love with."

The definition of being gay as being an emotional core including sexuality is one of the few explicit definitions provided. Other writers, such as Paul Varnell and Daniel Mendelsohn, try to address the limitations of the gay subculture and roles/stereotypes, but to little effect. Mendelsohn notes (correctly) that "the bar is just as confining as the closet," while Varnell notes that the subculture "can only contribute to an identity, it can hardly be an identity." The problem is that neither writers provide a concrete definition of "contemporary gay subculture." I know it sounds pretty much like a "duh!" kind of thing. We can all say we know what it means, but few can actually articulate this clearly in words. The subculture is lived, and so it is taken for granted. It becomes assumed and unspoken. To be effective, writers must be explicit with language and define terms, for only then can both the writer and reader have a vantage point from which to examine the positive as well as negative elements involved.

I have problems with the limitations of the subculture, but I have even more problems with gay writers who can't clue in the reader (either gay or straight) to what he or she is saying. Such assumptions are best left to mind-readers rather than book readers. In an important election year, politics are of vital concern to all of us. Apart from my reservations to some of the essays in this book, it is important that we become more aware and better informed; for ultimately, politics is not about arguing, but about determining survival.



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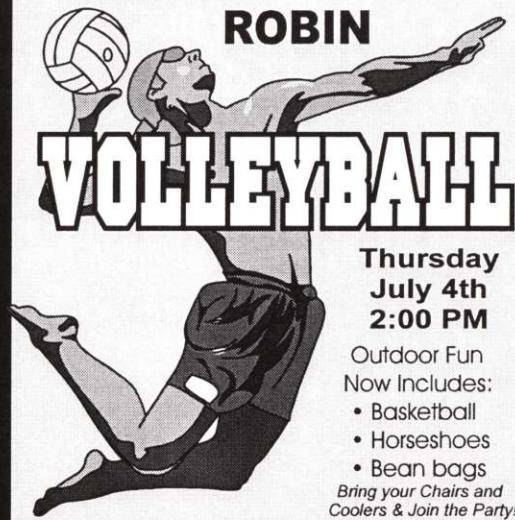
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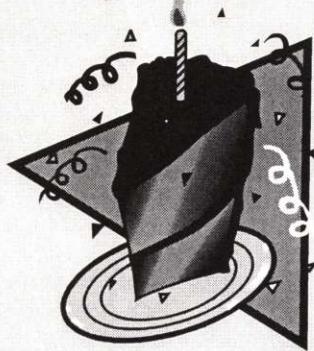
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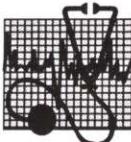
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The Olympic Torch is coming to Atlanta, Georgia. The 15,000 mile; 10,000 carrier; 84 day relay journey of the Torch through 42 states of the United States will end when the Olympic Flame, the symbol of the Olympic Spirit, arrives in Atlanta for the opening ceremonies of the 1996 Summer Olympic Games on July 19. This momentous occasion will signal the culmination of literally years of immeasurable work and effort put forth by countless thousands of people world-wide. In addition to the years of training and preparation of athletes from around the world for this "competition of all competitions", the preparation of the City of Atlanta for "welcoming the World to its doorstep" has been immense. Construction of the new sports facilities, the renovating of old and construction of new housing to accommodate the expected two million-plus athletes and visitors to the city for the games, as well as road planning and construction to handle the tremendous flow of traffic involved has been moving at a feverish pace from the day of the announcement that Atlanta was the chosen site. Atlanta has always seemed to me an exciting and vibrant city with industries and businesses from around the world, our mix of cultures, races, and nationalities are diverse and interesting. Even a visit to the local shopping mall will bring to our ears the sound of various languages being spoken and many

types of clothing native to distant parts of the world can be seen. I can just imagine how fantastic it will be and what a privilege to witness the coming Crowds!

As a family of Gays, Lesbians and Transgendered people our presence has already been felt. The journey of the torch, locations of events, and training camps have been changed or threatened to be changed because of anti gay feelings of certain municipalities.

Although most eyes are focused on Atlanta, this is the time of year when many people focus on themselves, and how they can improve their participation in sports and exercise programs. Do you really want to get all you can out of your sports and exercise programs? I mean really reach your full potential! If you're not satisfied with being average, if you want to be nothing less than the best, let me explain how you can examine your personal physical potential!

Your body is composed of approximately 30 quadrillion individual cells. Each of those cells has its own specific job to do. Groups of those cells form every tissue and organ in your body, and each of those groups has its own special job. For you to reach your full physical potential, all of those groups must work in harmony. For example, as you exercise your muscles need an increasing amount of oxygen and nutrients to keep their performance at top level. This requires that your heart beat faster, your lungs work harder, and the energy stored in your liver be released. This complex process doesn't happen by magic. It is the careful and complex work of the internal coach of your body, your brain and, nervous system.

Every athlete has a coach. The coach is responsible for making sure that every action of the athlete is geared to maximize performance. Your body works in the same way. Your brain and nervous system are your personal internal coach. They make sure that every internal action of your body is geared to maximize performance. As you exercise, it is the brain that decides just how much more your heart has to pump, how much harder your lungs have to work, and how much more energy has to be released from your liver. The nerves act like your brain's telephone and communicate its orders to all of your body's parts. As long as this system is working fine, you can reach your maximum physical potential. But what if something went wrong?

This system is protected from things going wrong. Your brain is protected from harm by your skull. Your spinal cord and its nerves are protected by the bones of your spine called vertebrae. Your skull doesn't move, but the 24 vertebrae that make up your spinal cord do move. This difference can lead to problems. Since the vertebrae move, they can shift out of their proper place. Chiropractic calls this condition of having a vertebrae out of place a Subluxation. A Subluxation interferes with the function of your spinal cord and its nerves. This causes the messages from your brain (your internal coach) to be changed or even stopped entirely. When this happens, your body's parts are left without the information that they need to do their jobs properly. As long as you have a Subluxation in your spine, you can never reach your full physical potential.

Many Olympic and professional athletes are sidelined with injuries that could be avoided. Others sit it out on the bench because their injury does not respond to ordinary treatment. Still others are playing, but at less than peak efficiency, simply because their structural

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system is not balanced. Progressive coaches, athletes, and doctors are realizing that pain killing drugs are not the answer. They merely cover up the symptoms, deceiving the athlete into actions which could make the injury more serious.

Probably more than any other health profession, Chiropractic's approach to health closely relates to the needs of the sports participant. Most sports involve body contact, fast starts and stops, and positioning that places an unusual amount of strain on the spine, joints in the arms and legs, muscles and nerves. Top athletes push their bodies to the maximum every day, thereby increasing the chance of injury due to overuse. This supreme effort may cause interference in the nervous system due to a malfunctioning spine. This can hinder the athletes performance. Common athletic injuries like sprains (ankle), strains (e.g. pulled muscle), tendinitis (e.g. tennis elbow) and bursitis (e.g. shoulder pain) and joint problems in the shoulder, elbow, wrist, hand, hip, knee, ankle, and foot can all be treated effectively with chiropractic care.

But I don't have any of these problems. That is what many people say whenever it is suggested that they see a chiropractor. Unfortunately, most Subluxations do not produce any specific pain or symptoms. Because of this, many people don't think that they need Chiropractic care. While they wait for pain, the Subluxation prevents their body from working at its best and silently robs them of their health and vitality.

The beauty of chiropractic is not only it's drug-free and surgery-free care, but also preventative and performance enhancing care. Maintaining proper alignment will allow athletes to be prepared for their sport. Many of the greatest athletes in the world are adjusted before competition as a "tune-up," an effort to place their bodies in a state of peak efficiency. The United States Olympic Team, The New York City Marathon Committee, and the Super Bowl Champion 49'ers, to name but a few, all have Chiropractors on staff. Following competition, they are adjusted to enhance the recuperative process after the stress of their particular event.

When asked about chiropractic's effectiveness, Roger Craig, formerly of the San Francisco 49'ers, stated. "We won four Super Bowls in the 1980's with it, so it must be doing something right!"

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PAST OUT

BY DAVID BIANCO

Were there any gay heroes in the American Revolution?

For decades, American gays and lesbians have researched and publicized evidence of the homosexuality of famous gays and lesbians in the past, including figures from the American Revolution. Just like African-Americans pointing to the role of Crispus Attucks during the Boston Massacre and American Jews glorifying Haym Solomon's contributions to financing the Continental Army, American gays and lesbians have searched for gay heroes in our nation's founding drama. Finding fellow travelers who played a role in the genesis of the country is a way of asserting a community's ownership of part of American history, and its continuing right to exist in America. Blacks, Jews, and gays have all understandably felt nervous about whether the rest of America considered their place in American society to be secure - and so they have emphasized past contributions to important American historical events. (A similar process takes place within the gay and lesbian community when drag queens or people of color who feel marginalized assert that they

were responsible for the Stonewall rebellion.)

Of course, claiming that gays contributed to the American Revolution is quite different from demonstrating that specific famous Revolutionaries had same-sex relationships or identities that we would recognize as "gay." Indeed, there is scant evidence of Americans before the late-19th century whose identities embraced same-sex sexuality. Nonetheless, in honor of our nation's 220th birthday, here are three men who have been put forward as gay heroes of the American Revolution:

* Alexander Hamilton. Jonathan Ned Katz's *Gay American History*, published in the bicentennial year of 1976, contains several letters from the future first Secretary of the Treasury to fellow Revolutionary soldier John Laurens. The letters are filled with passion and innuendo, such as when he ended a 1779 letter with: "I have gratified my feelings, by lengthening out the only kind of intercourse now in my power with my friend."

* Baron Friedrich Von Steuben. Randy Shilts' 1993 book *Conduct Unbecoming* makes a strong case that Von Steuben - a Prussian military hero whom Benjamin Franklin recruited to help train the Continental Army - was gay. Steuben left Europe under accusations of "having taken familiarities with young boys." He arrived at Valley Forge, where he led Continental soldiers in uniform drills and military



exercises - and became close friends with both Hamilton and Laurens. He was eventually promoted to division commander right before the war was finally won at Yorktown.

* George Washington. Though his view is accepted by few scholars, in a 1993 article "George Washington's Gay Mess: Was the Father of Our Country a Queen?" University of Massachusetts Professor Charley Shively argued in the affirmative. Shively's assumptions and methods are unconventional, as he asserts "Assume everyone is homosexual until proven otherwise." His article (which was printed without footnotes) nonetheless does a yeoman's job of questioning the assumptions of traditional historians that all famous people are straight unless evidence of repeated same-sex intercourse can be proven beyond a reasonable doubt.

Shively's portrait of Washington is one of a prissy queen "who spent hours fussing over his uniform, his hairdo, his sword and other military paraphernalia." He surrounded himself with handsome and brave young soldiers, and evinced little interest in women, including Martha - with whom he bore no children.

How much evidence does it take to prove that a George Washington or an Alexander Hamilton was gay? And if they were gay, does it matter? Scholars struggle with questions like these all the time. Certainly, knowing that important people in the past were "gay" can help boost the self-esteem of gays and lesbians, especially youth. But rather than re-writing "straight" biographies of American heroes to make them "gay" biographies, a more promising project (albeit more ambitious) would be to look at the biographies of all famous Americans of the past with an understanding of the complex nature of human sexuality - and the impotence of labels like "straight" or "gay" as applied to people who never encountered any such categories.

Who was Oliver Sipple?

Oliver Sipple was a disabled ex-Marine who saved the life of the President of the United States. On September 22, 1975, Sipple was standing near the entrance of the St. Francis hotel in downtown San Francisco, hoping to get a glimpse of President Gerald Ford, who had just finished addressing the World Affairs Council inside. When Ford stepped out of the hotel, Sipple noticed a gray-haired woman who aimed a gun toward the President. He wrestled her to the ground, and although the gun went off, no one was injured.

When questioned by the Secret Service, he begged them not to release his name to the press. They did so anyway - the near-assassination of President Ford by Sara Jane Moore was a major national story. Soon, Sipple faced the public revelation of something he hoped to keep out of the newspapers: the fact that he was gay. Harvey Milk - who later became San Francisco's first openly gay elected official - is said to have contacted San Francisco Chronicle columnist Herb Caen, who promptly included a brief item about Sipple in his column. Caen wrote of the celebrations of Sipple's heroism in a gay bar the night of the assassination attempt - and listed Sipple as a volunteer in Milk's campaign for office.

Several other newspapers followed with stories about "The Gay Vet" and the "Homosexual Hero," and when Sipple's family found out, they refused to speak with him. Sipple responded by suing

Chronicle and other newspapers for invasion of privacy, but the courts rejected his case, arguing that by choosing to save the president's life, he had become a public figure.

President Ford - embarrassed by the affair - did not invite Sipple to a Rose Garden ceremony or grant him a Presidential Medal of Honor. After weeks of waiting, Sipple finally got just a brief note of thanks for his heroism.

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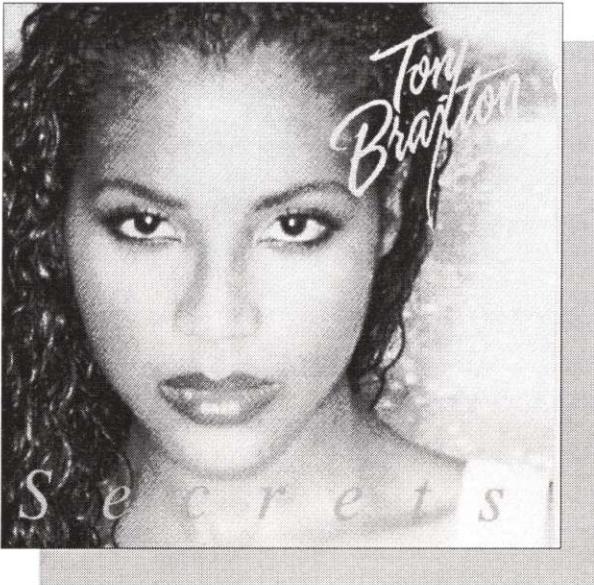
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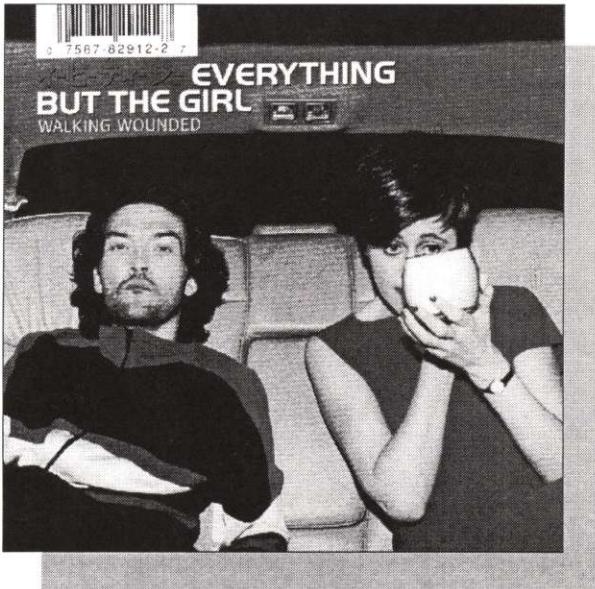
music

by C.Robert Frank



I may have been a late bloomer, but my first introduction to Toni Braxton was from the movie Boomerang. The catchy little "Love Shoulda Brought You Home" hooked me, so I ran out the next day and grabbed her pleasantly-pop first album. Soon after, the airwaves caught on, and as with most top 10 hits, overplayed Toni so much that I set the album aside where it now collects dust. Now it's time for me to be swooned once again. Secrets is simply her self-titled first album with some new words. Toni is sporting a fierce new look along with a strikingly rich lower vocal range. So low at some points that she sounds like Babyface. The music is typically quiet-storm ready, but who cares? I personally am a bit more interested in hearing the soon to be released club mixes by Morales. Bottom line, the album is Top 10 bound. Until then, I'll enjoy Toni Braxton's Secrets.

Everything But The Girl's new release, Walking Wounded, is anything but the same ol'-same ol'. Well, kinda. EBTG has spent a decade being a chameleon band. Todd Terry's souped-up remix of "Missing" from the light and relaxing Amplified Heart album has inspired an album much in the same vein. Most of the album's songs do not sound typically dance. "Before Today," for example, sounds like a nice acoustic piece with a break-beat loop. This combination doesn't quite make sense, but in a strange way works. "Wrong" is the new Top 40 hit hoping to follow "Missing's" footsteps. While the words are not as touching as those in "Missing," the whole structure and development of the song is tighter. Break-beat (a style of dance music usually over 140 BPM with a syncopated pause after the 3rd beat ... like a really fast Latin freestyle) takes a while to get used to, (most club/house music clocks in at a calmer 120-130 BPM range) but it does dominate the album. "Single" has more of a hypnotic trip-beat similar to Tracy's work with the group Massive Attack. Walking Wounded will either have you running for a tourniquet or cause you to leave EBTG to bleed to death. Either way, you have to hear it to form an opinion. Just remember, expect Everything But A Repeat of Amplified Heart.



DJ's TOP TEN

DJ : Vince
Club: THE BUZZ / Scranton

1. Sweet Dreams
SAFETY GROOVE
2. Check This Out
CEVIN FISHER
3. Forget Me Nots
LA BOUCHE
4. Make The World Go 'Round
SANDY B
5. Don't Stop Movin'
LIVIN' JOY
6. You Oughta Know
TWICE AS GOOD FEAT. JILLY
7. Reach
GLORIA ESTEFAN
8. Killing Me Softly
(hard & soft dubs - promo)
FUGITIVE
9. Chains
TINE ARENA
10. Just Jump
DAISEY DEE

DJ : Mike Tolleson
Club: CANDIDA / Allentown

1. I Don't Know
BOOM W/ARLENE BURTON
2. Chains
TINA ARENA
3. You Oughta Know
SYBERSOUND
4. C'mon N Ride It
QUAD CITY DJ's
5. For The Love Of You
JORDAN HILL
6. Feel So Good
LINDA SANTIAGO
7. Inside Out
CULTURE BEAT
8. You Keep Me Hangin' On
REBA
9. Still Livin'
BT EXPRESS
10. Love Power
CLAUDIA CHIN

DJ : Tina Kohler
Club: DIAMONZ / Bethlehem

1. Sweet Dreams
LA BOUCHE
2. Strange World
KÉ
3. I'll Be Around
C+C MUSIC FACTORY
4. Who Do You Love
DEBORAH COX
5. Do What's Good For Me
2 UNLIMITED
6. Don't Stop Movin'
LIVIN' JOY
7. Imitation Of Life
BILLY RAY MARTIN
8. Automatic
REAL MCCOY
9. I'm Alive
CUT-N-MOVE
10. Staying Alive
N-TRANCE

DJ : Josh Wunner
Club: SELECTIONS / Wilkes-Barre

1. Housing Me Softly
FUGEES
2. The Lover That You Are
PULSE
3. America (I Love America)
FULL INTENTION
4. This Is Your Night
AMBER
5. One More Try
KRISTINE W
6. Don't Stop Movin'
LIVIN' JOY
7. If Madonna Calls
JUNIOR VASQUEZ
8. Stand Up
LOVE TRIBE
9. Walk ... For Me
ROBBIE TRONCO
10. Professional Widow
TORI AMOS

DJ : Dean Walbridge
Club: STONEWALL / Allentown

1. Lift Me Up (rmx)
CONNIE & JUNIOR
2. Native New Yorker
BLACK BOX
3. Superstar
CHARM FARM
4. Make That Move
TODD TERRY FEAT.
TONYA WYNNE
5. One More Try
KRISTINE W
6. ...Can You Understand English
ENGLISH 101
7. Wave Speech (The Guitar Song)
PETER LAZONBY
8. If Madonna Calls (rnx)
JUNIOR VASQUEZ
9. The Lover That You Are
PULSE
10. Human Nature
SWEET DROP

VJ : Michael Leidy
Club: STONEWALL / Allentown

1. Klubhopping
KLUBHEADS
2. Knockin'
DOUBLE VISION
3. Dirty Love
LONNIE GORDON
4. Before
PET SHOP BOYS
5. Strange World
KÉ
6. Wham Bam (bonus mix)
CANDY GIRLS
7. Chase
MIDI-XPRESS
8. Sexuality (12" mix)
K.D. LANG
9. Sweet Dreams
LA BOUCHE
10. Superstar (x-rated club mix)
CHARM FARM

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18 Pride and Prejudice, A True Life Fairy tale or ... The Price and Profit of Coming Out by Liz Bradbury

Two years ago, my friend Joan went to NYC for the Stonewall 25th anniversary celebration. The day after she got home to the Lehigh Valley she was chatting with her mother when she asked Joan what she had done over the weekend.

"I went to New York City," replied Joan.

"But there were all those 'gay people' there" said her mom.

This is it thought Joan, she took a deep breath and said, "Yes, that's why we went, I'm a lesbian."

Joan had hoped her mother, father and brother, who all lived in the area, would accept her for what she was but her mother was very upset. Mom cited religious themes, suggested therapy to help Joan change back to straightness, denied the existence of Joan's lover and all the rest, you can imagine.

Joan was sad and upset. She loved her family and though she was in her 30's, had, up to this moment two years ago, enjoyed a comfortable relationship with them, spending important holidays with

them, talking to them on the phone, doing family things that adult children do. But now, everything had changed because she had told them the truth about herself.

Though Joan was unhappy her family was acting this way, she wasn't unhappy she had told them. It was the right thing to do and at least she didn't have to pretend anymore. For about a year, things seemed bleak on the family home front. Her father was still making negative remarks, especially about Joan's partner, and her mother was not defending Joan to his unfound prejudice. Joan considered moving away.

More time passed and things slowly began to change. Her family was seeing the world differently, most importantly, they loved Joan. As they changed their viewpoint it wasn't an abstract thing they couldn't understand, it was Joan's life, and they knew they cared about her happiness. Even Dad was coming around.

Last month Joan was on the phone to her Mom.

"What did you do last weekend?" her mother asked.

"I went to the Gay Pride March in Philadelphia" said Joan.

"Oh," her mother said, "I saw that on TV and wondered if you were there, it looked like nice weather, did you have a good time?"

"Yes, did you see the guy with the fruit on his head? When we saw him we figured he'd be on the TV News" chatted Joan.

"Oh, I did see him," replied her Mom, "they always do take a picture of the most outrageous one there, don't they?"

A few days later Joan's brother said, "Joan do you know what June is?"

Joan said, "Yes, of course I know, it's Pride Month."

Her brother said, "Well at work there is this gay organization called, EAGLES and they had a table set up with flyers about the Pride festival and other issues. There was an ad about it in the paper and all these straight guys came because they thought it was the Philadelphia Eagles Team." Both Joan and her brother laughed.

Joan asked her brother if he would pick up some of the EAGLES information pamphlets for her and he said, "Sure, why not?" She told him the Lehigh Valley Gay Pride Fest would be in Cedar Beach Park where Mayfair had been. He said maybe he and his wife and baby would come to it.

Joan's mother was concerned when Joan and her lover broke up. Her mother recognized the sincerity of Joan's feelings and did her best to offer supportive advice.

Needless to say Joan is happier about her family now, and she never has to pretend around them again, they love her the way she is.

We forget that just like straight people can't imagine what it's like to be gay or lesbian, we gay men and lesbians can't always imagine what it's like to be straight. After all, we know lots of normal gay people. We know it's not a "sin." We know it's the way we are and we aren't about to change, and most of us don't want to. Straight people don't know that about us, not all of them anyway. If they do understand, it's because they have learned it from gay friends, gay family and other out gays and lesbians in the media or in print.

It is a statistical fact that straight people are far more toler-

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ant of gay men and lesbians if they actually know someone who is gay or lesbian. When we gays and lesbians watch TV we always pay attention to the gay stuff, we always hear the positive and negative things about gay and lesbian rights. We care about the rights of ourselves and our friends. We carefully watch the way society is treating us, and although we may care deeply about the rights of other minorities, we always catch the gay and lesbian story first and foremost. Meanwhile many straight people have opted to take the minute to go get a snack, feeling that it doesn't concern them anyway.

tell them the truth about yourself, and once they get over the confusion, they may become part of it all. They will listen and watch the gay stuff because now they know someone who is gay. It might be your parents who say: "Wait a minute, those candidates are bad-mouthing my kids, how dare they say that!" Or ... "Reverend, my daughter is the sweetest kindest person I know, I don't believe she will burn in hell because of whom she loves." And finally, ... "Waiter, this is a picture of my son, handsome huh?" ... he wears a pink triangle too, ... are you single ... would you like to meet him?"

The moral of the story is: No one can love you as you are while you pretend to be someone else. Or ... My Mom thought she only loved apples until she realized she had a pear tree all along.

Liz Bradbury is Coordinator of the Lehigh Valley League of Gay and Lesbian Voters.

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Submitted by Bob Sweeney

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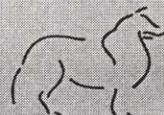
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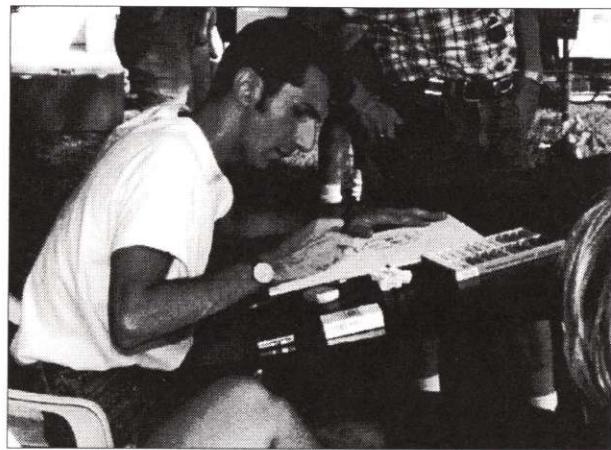
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Lehigh Valley PRIDE FESTIVAL



Wednesday, July 5
Special Pre-Fourth Party
Featuring
TINSEL GARLAND
showtime - 12midnight

Thursday

July 4

- Doors open at 9pm
- Special Happy Hour
10pm - 12am

Saturday, July 6

MICHAEL FERRERI
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9:30 pm - 1:30 am

Sunday, July 7
THE DREAM TEAM

Hot Male Review
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Berks Gay & Lesbian Pride Celebration !

4th Annual Picnic & Dance

Sponsored by the
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Rain
Or
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Ticket
Deadline
Wednesday
July 17th

Saturday July 20, 1996
Blue Falls Grove, Leesport, PA

Time: 1:00 pm to 9:30 pm
Donation \$12.00 per person
No Admittance without Ticket

**Dance after 6:30, Music by
D.J. - Evelyn**

Snacks - Beverages - Dinner
Games - Prizes !

**"Ten" Free Pool Passes to be
Awarded to Ticket Holders !
plus,**

"One" Portable Color TV* !

*Must be present to win.

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Horrorscoops

by Evil Esther



AQUARIUS

Jan. 20-Feb.18

Things in your personal life may seem to be falling apart, but have faith. If you find that spark, you will be back in the swing again. Focus on the good things.



PISCES

Feb.19-March 20

Before you make that big purchase decision this month, take a minute to be sure you really need it. It may be a bad decision after all. Be practical.



ARIES

March 21-April 19

Step out on the town! Treat yourself to a night of decadence! Recent events are behind you and you deserve a night of fun. Let your hair down.



TAURUS

April 20-May 20

Practical doesn't mean pragmatic. Look at your methods for making business deals - it is to your advantage to take a creative slant. It may save the deal.



GEMINI

May 21-June 20

Change isn't easy, but it is the only way to get him/her back. Make your love interest feel special and wanted as he/she may be thinking of different ways of doing these things.



CANCER

June 21-July 22

Happy Birthday! You have much to celebrate this month. Friends are planning a special surprise. Indulge yourself and smile!



LEO

July 23-Aug.22

You are missed, but not far away. The places you will go will intrigue you and provide a new perspective. Don't forget your promises back home.



VIRGO

Aug.23-Sept.22

Shop til you drop, but don't forget that special someone on your list. This is a good month to treat others who have gifted you in the recent past.



LIBRA

Sept.23-Oct.22

Recent events kept you inside, but his month should find you working on that garden you planned so long ago. Tend to it, or it won't bring a harvest.



SCORPIO

Oct.23-Nov.21

That young thing that you are tempted by will be your ruin. Don't let your reputation be tarnished. Keep to your old "standards" and you will avoid trouble.



SAGITTARIUS

Nov.22-Dec.21

You do have the power to make changes in your life. It really isn't that bad where you live. Make it happen yourself, you know how.

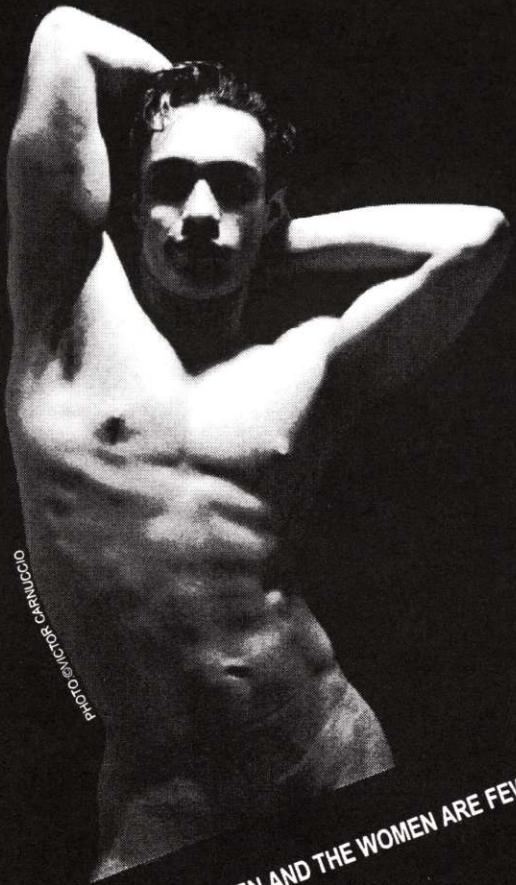


CAPRICORN

Dec.22-Jan.19

Decision time is here. It has been a long Spring, and Summer will be the time to clean out the cobwebs. It's time to move on or make it better.

**APPEARING FRIDAY and SATURDAY JULY 5th and 6th
MALE VIDEO STAR • CHASE HUNTER • AT MIDNIGHT**



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Community Resources

Bars / Clubs

ALLENTOWN

Candida
247 N. 12th St.
610-434-3071

Stonewall & Moose Lounge
28-30 N. 10th St.
610-432-0215

BETHLEHEM

Diamondz
1913 W. Broad St.
610-865-1028

EAST STROUDSBURG

Rainbow Mountain
RD 8 Box 8174
717-223-8484

HARRISBURG

B-TLS
891 Eisenhower Blvd.
717-939-1123

Neptune Lounge

268 North St.
717-233-3078

Stallions

706 N. 3rd St.
717-232-3060

NEW HOPE

Cartwheel
Route 202
215-862-0880

Raven

385 W. Bridge St.
215-862-2081

READING

Scarab
724 Franklin St.
610-375-7878

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Bars / Clubs

WILKES-BARRE/ SCRANTON AREA

Club Paragon
222 Wyoming Ave.
Scranton, PA
717-969-6399

The Buzz

133 N. Washington Ave.
Scranton, PA
717-969-0900

Selections

45 Public Square
Wilkes-Barre, PA
717-829-4444

AIDS Related Organizations

AIDS Outreach

112 N. 5th St.

Allentown, PA 18102

610-435-8424

AIDS Services Center

60 W. Broad St.

Suite 205

Bethlehem, PA 18108

610-974-8701

Allentown Health Bureau -HIV testing

245 N. 6th St.

Allentown, PA 18102

(contact David Moyer)

610-437-7742

FACT

P.O. Box 1028

Allentown, PA 18105

610-820-5519

FACT Bucks County

P.O. Box 616

Buckingham, PA 18912

Latino AIDS Outreach

610-861-6845

Wyoming Valley AIDS Council

P.O. Box 2677

Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703

717-823-5808

Religious Affiliations

Grace Covenant Fellowship

247 N. 10th St.
Allentown, PA 18102
610-740-0247

Hope Ministries

Rev. Bob J. Forté
610-791-0716
24 hrs.-leave message.

Integrity

610-395-1785
610-758-8642

Metropolitan Community Church of the Lehigh Valley

Unitarian Universalist Church
424 Center St.
Bethlehem, PA
610-439-8755

Phoenix Ministries, ULC Inc.

Rev. Joél S. Diehl, DD,MsD.
610-433-5325 leave message

Zen Buddhist Sangha

Ongoing meditation meetings
610-559-8136
leave message

Community/Social/Support Organizations

Berks Gay & Lesbian Alliance

P.O. Box 417
Reading, PA 19603-0417
610-373-0674

Gay Men of the Lehigh Valley

Bethlehem, PA
610-439-8755

GLORA

Gays & Lesbians Of
Reading & Allentown
P.O. Box 1952
Allentown, PA 18105

League of Gay & Lesbian Voters

Lehigh Valley Chapter
P.O. Box 20781
Lehigh Valley, PA
18002-0781
610-432-5449

Community/Social/Support Organizations (cont.)

Lehigh Valley Gay & Lesbian Task Force

P.O. Box 20253
Lehigh Valley, PA 18002
610-868-3388

Lehigh Valley Gay Men's Chorus

P.O. Box 20712
Lehigh Valley, PA 18002
610-740-0247
610-821-0578

Lehigh Valley Lesbians

Bethlehem, PA
610-253-5454

North Eastern Pennsylvania TransGender Assoc.

P.O. Box 3624
Allentown, PA 18106
E-mail: GendrFrend@aol.com
610-821-2955

P-Flag

Memb. Info: 215-368-2473
Newsletter: 215-234-4049
Support: 610-820-9838

PRIDE of the Lehigh Valley

P.O. Box 20804
Lehigh Valley, PA 18002
610-770-6200

Renaissance

Education Assoc., Inc
P.O. Box 2122
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2122
717-780-1578

Velvet Spikers

volleyball-tennis
P.O. Box 21862
Lehigh Valley, PA
18002-1862
610-434-2966

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